

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 01-KS-C-20-12

Issued at Petersburg, July 11, 2012

Effective 12:01 a.m.
Date: Friday, July 13, 2012

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Sunday,
August 5, 2012 unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order No. 1-KS-C-11-12, issued on May 30, 2012. This emergency order closes the freshwaters of Blind Slough upstream of a line between Blind Point and Anchor Point to all sport fishing in order to reduce the harvest of king salmon entering fresh waters that will be needed for brood stock at Crystal Lake Hatchery. King salmon regulations in the terminal waters of Wrangell Narrows in Section 6-A north and east of the northern tip of Woewodski Island (56° 36' N and 132° 59' W) and south of 56° 46' N. latitude will revert to the Southeast Alaska regional king salmon regulations established under Emergency Order 1-KS-R-02-12 issued Thursday, March 29, 2012.

REGULATION:

This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order No. 1-KS-C-11-12. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. July 13, 2012 through 11:59 p.m., August 5, 2012:

5 AAC 47.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the fresh waters of Southeast Alaska Area.

(h) In the Petersburg/Wrangell vicinity:

- (1) all fresh waters of Blind Slough, upstream from a line between Blind Point and Anchor Point are closed to fishing.

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Douglas F. Fleming
Petersburg/Wrangell Area
Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

King salmon returning to Crystal Lake hatchery stage in the freshwaters of Blind Slough prior to entering the hatchery facility, making them vulnerable to sport anglers. In 2009, 2010 and 2011 the Crystal Lake king salmon broodstock goal was not met. Coded wire tag recoveries from commercial and sport harvests, and aerial surveys indicate the goal may not be met in 2012. In the most recent aerial survey on July 9, approximately 300 king salmon were observed in Blind Slough. The brood stock goal (500 females/ 500 males) is unlikely to be achieved with the current fishing regulations. This closure is needed to provide sufficient numbers of king salmon to meet brood stock needs.

DISTRIBUTION:

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